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Applicant/Patent Owner: Nanometrics IncorporatedApplication No./Patent No.: 10/549,865 Filed/Issued Date: July 28, 2006Entitled: Detection Method and Apparatus Metal Particulates on SemiconductorsNanometrics Incorporated, a Corporation  
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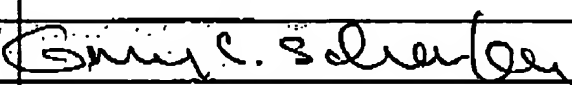
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